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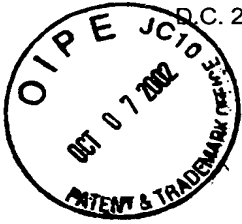
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 8, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please ~~cancel~~ claims 26 and 27.

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14.(amended) A method of fixing an oligonucleotide or a polynucleotide to a solid carrier which comprises the steps of spotting an aqueous solution containing the oligonucleotide or the polynucleotide and a hydrophilic polymer onto the solid carrier and heating or exposing to radiation the carrier resulting from the spotting step.

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16.(amended) The method of Claim 14, which further comprises the steps of washing the carrier resulting from the spotting step and drying the carrier resulting from the washing step prior to heating or exposing the carrier to radiation.